

RAIL CLUB TO REMAIN HERE, SAY OFFICIALS

Rumor That Washington Franchise in American League Is To Be Shifted Denied.

STOCKHOLDERS SATISFIED

Clark Griffith Joins Others in Scouting Theory That a Change Is Contemplated.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

The Washington American League franchise is not going to be transferred to Pittsburgh, Brooklyn, or Toronto, according to officials of the local organization, and they express the hope that their decisive statements to this effect will effectually quell rumors that have been spreading in New York papers ever since the world's series.

"There isn't a word of truth in any story that the franchise will be transferred," said W. Harriman Ripley, treasurer of the club, today. "There never has been any truth in these stories. It would be a waste of money to dispose of the holdings in Washington."

Stock Always for Sale.

"Speaking for myself, I may say, with Mr. Lanning, president of the Red Sox, my stock is always for sale, if I can get the price I want. But it isn't the price you hear talked of in the streets. I don't want to sell for a million dollars, as are all the other stockholders. But as for taking the club out of town, that's all wrong. We were never in better financial shape than we are now. Our debts amount to little or nothing. We have a \$100,000 mortgage on our plant, and that runs for twenty years, so I can't see why we should be bothered with these rumors. They're untrue."

The whole story is untrue. It has been cropping up frequently, but it's untrue," was what President Benjamin S. Minor had to say of the rumor from New York.

Manager Clark C. Griffith, the largest individual stockholder in the club, was most emphatic in his denial of the story.

"Let's kill this story once and for all," said he. "It has been instigated by a lot of small towns out in Baltimore and St. Louis have been great rumor-mongers along this line, but they're wrong."

Never Considered Shift.

"I am satisfied with conditions. I am thankful to all our supporters here and have never considered shifting to Baltimore, Toronto, or Brooklyn, as some have written. All I can say is that the next time this story comes to the surface the fans should treat it as a joke."

The latest story has the local franchise shifted to Brooklyn, using Ebbets Field, which is the home of the National League. Manager Griffith laughs loudly at this because, as he says, "Brooklyn never was a good ball town and isn't as good as Baltimore right now, and everybody knows where Baltimore stands in comparison with Washington."

President Barrows, of the International League, who has been asked to take that Toronto may be a big league aspirant after the European war, says that it is not seeking membership in the American League.

Presidential Odds Force Down Prices

Wall Street Brokers See Movement to Throw Wilson Scarce Into Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—Charges that the sudden shift of Presidential betting odds in Wall Street from 2 to 1 against Wilson to 10 to 8, was a manipulation intended to throw a "Wilson scare" into the market and force prices down, were made by a number of brokers today. The recent steady advance in prices on the stock exchange was helped on its way by the Republican victory in Maine, and 2-to-1 odds were established at that time.

After \$25,000 had been wagered on Hughes at 10 to 8 and 10 to 7 yesterday, \$20,000 was reported offered today on the curb. Fred Schumaker, of Brooklyn, quoted 10 to 9 on Hughes today, and declared Wilson supporters held out for 10 to 8.

Odds of 9 to 6 were offered today that Hughes would carry New York State. Ohio was quoted at even money, while Wilson backers were said to be asking 1-to-4 odds that he would carry Connecticut and 7-to-10 on New Jersey.

College Presidents' Meeting Adjourns

The conference of college presidents which met in Washington to prepare a curriculum for military instruction in schools, adjourned today after delegating to Major John J. Kingman the task of preparing a report to Secretary Baker.

Major Kingman said today that his report, which will be embodied in a general order outlining military courses for training of reserve officers, will be ready for Secretary Baker in a short time.

The committee, composed of Major Kingman, President Lowell of Harvard, chairman; Superintendent Nichols, V. M. I.; President Drinker, Lehigh; President Thompson, Ohio State University; and President Vincent, Minnesota, was appointed to draft a curriculum that will, when made effective by a general order from the War Department, lead to a commission in the reserve corps of any graduate from the institutions which accept the adopted

Cotton Passes 19, New High Record

Prices of All Futures Advance Cent A Pound In Exciting Opening.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—Cotton crossed 19 cents at noon today when a rush of buying sent July options up 74 points to 19.17 cents a pound.

Prices of all futures have advanced 1 cent a pound, or \$5 a bale in twenty-four hours.

Domestic and foreign spinners bid against each other in one of the most exciting openings the market has seen in months.

Short crops, increasing exports, record home consumption and the tropical storm reported in the Gulf district were factors behind the mad scramble to buy.

Prices eased off a few points after a half hour's trading.

The general list was 52 to 55 points above yesterday's close. On Monday and Tuesday gains of 25 to 35 points were made.

The South and Liverpool were heavy buyers in today's spectacular market, in which brokers bought wildly. Heavy increases in consumption here and abroad, coupled with the decrease in production, caused panicky activities among spinners, who fear they will be unable to get their raw product in sufficient quantities.

HUGHES IN MICHIGAN TO SPEAK TONIGHT

Candidate Scored Heavily in Sioux City in Answering Hecklers at Meeting.

By PERRY ARNOLD.

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—Governor Hughes made his second excursion into Michigan today in the best fighting trim he has enjoyed since the Republican convention here chose him standard bearer for the party.

There wasn't any question that the nominee was pleased with the impression he made on his big audience in Sioux City, Iowa, last night. As on previous occasions during his stump-touring, he was the center of attention, started Hughes spilling real firewords, aroused and stimulated by the way in which his audience supported him and sought to drown hecklers by booing Hughes "out loose."

Never before in his Presidential campaign has Hughes been more earnest, emphatic, more dramatic or forceful than when he hurled his vitriolic denials to any charge that he was a "visible government" and coupled this with a pledge that if elected he would have "visible government."

Hughes arrived in Chicago shortly before noon and remained in his private car while it was being transferred from one train to another. The candidate, who was tired from his long journey, slept late on his train today, but he was considerably fatigued by last night's experience. He was favored by a scheduled train for Chicago, which he took at 10:30 p.m. He was expected to make the tariff fight the main burden of his discussions in Michigan.

Says Lack of Cars Causes Price Rise

Head of Farmers' Congress Blames High Prices on Congestion of Transportation.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 18.—Congestion of transportation is the indirect cause of the steady advance in the price of foodstuffs, H. E. Stockbridge, president of the Farmers' National Congress, said today.

"Our distribution system is faulty," said Stockbridge. "In one place some class of food is abundant and the price is low and in another place it is impossible to purchase the same product at a reasonable price."

"Railroads say that it is shortage of cars. But it is really a congested condition of transportation facilities."

The farmers are planning to go to Congress to get relief for the car shortage. A Federal investigation may be asked.

Stockbridge pointed out that last summer farmers of the wheat belt had to pile millions of bushels of wheat on the ground because they were unable to get cars to ship it.

REPORTS CAPTURE OF TWO GERMAN 'SUBS'

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—The New York World today declared it has received information from "English sources which have always proved reliable" that two German submarines had been captured by the British, and that a third is now en route to this country.

The story declares that the first of the submarines was captured in the straits of Dover, being entangled in a steel net. It required two days to release the submarine, and five of the crew were dead and others on the point of exhaustion when taken out. Important documents and mail matter were captured. Details of the capture of the second Bremen are not given. The mission of the U-53, the story asserts, was to look up the missing Bremen.

RETAIL LIQUOR HEARINGS OVER

The Excise board finished the hearing on the license for bar and other retail establishments where alcoholic liquor is sold shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The hearing of the wholesale license cases will begin at 9:30 Friday morning.

The announcement is made that application for licenses will be taken up by serial number.

The Excise board desires to have each case given a full hearing but also wishes to dispose of all the cases as rapidly as possible.

Request is therefore made that every person interested in the matter shall submit testimony as briefly and as quickly as possible.

VENIZELISTS GREECE TO ASK AID OF ALLIES

Leaders to Request Recognition of Provisional Government Established at Saloniki.

WOULD INTERVENE IN WAR

Athens in Riot as French Marines Occupy Capital. Diplomatic Missions Formed

ATHENS, Oct. 18.—Venizelists today decided to call upon the allies to formally recognize the new provisional government set up at Saloniki, favoring Greece's intervention in the war.

This decision was reached after two days of serious disturbances in the Greek capital, in which the mobs threatened to attack allied marines.

Two diplomatic missions were organized. They will present the case of the provisional government to the allies, declaring that only formal recognition of this new government will save Greece from chaos.

Negotiations have been begun in formally with the United States to permit the recruiting of Greek armies in America. In the event that the United States recognizes the new government, recruiting agents will be sent to the United States to Egypt, Cyprus and Paris, if the desired permission is secured.

ATHENS IN RIOT AS ALLIES OCCUPY CITY

ATHENS, Oct. 18.—Threatened with attack by a huge crowd of anti-ally demonstrators, the French marine force that occupied the municipal theater has abandoned the building and encamped in the Hippodrome Gardens, near the royal palace.

Greek troops are still patrolling the streets and a Greek battalion is guarding the royal palace. The situation is most tense. Anti-ally leaders are working among the crowds, denouncing the allies and each time the Greek warships, and attempting to stir the mobs to new demonstrations of hostility toward the allies' sailors.

The Greeks have detained twenty-five carloads of ammunition at Volo, in Thessaly, which was destined for the allies. It is expected that the ammunition was being shipped to the allies' forces.

Under Martial Law.

Athens is virtually under martial law. All sorts of alarming rumors are in circulation, but cool heads are attempting to prevent a clash between French sailors and the civilian demonstrators that would develop into street fighting with most serious consequences.

Reports that King Constantine has fled are denied by Greek officials. They declare that the King returned to his palace Monday night after receiving the Greek warships. He is expected to leave for the island of Crete today, according to a cabinet council at which a proclamation, calling upon the soldiers to remain loyal, was drafted.

Great crowds had gathered to watch Greek sailors from the ships taken over last night. The King is expected to leave today.

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WILSON LEAVES ON TRIP TO CHICAGO

Will Make Three Speeches in Illinois Tomorrow.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Oct. 18.—Accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and Secretary Tumulty, President Wilson left Shadow Lawn this morning, bound for Chicago, where he will deliver three speeches tomorrow. Nine stops will be made by his train in New York State during the day, and the President will greet voters at a number of points in Indiana tomorrow.

Arriving in New York, the President motored from the Pennsylvania to the Grand Central station, where he boarded the train that is to carry him into the Middle West.

The President is in excellent health, and in the best of spirits, with reports to his advisers bringing what is regarded as most favorable news regarding the progress of the campaign. He does not plan to make any speeches en route to Chicago, but will shake hands with the crowds which are expected to greet him at the various towns where stops will be made.

ADMITS BRITISH FOOD SUPPLIES ARE FAILING

Runciman Says No Practical Scheme Has Been Proposed.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—In the House of Commons today a debate arose over the food situation, a number of members complaining of the inadequate measures of the government to control food supplies and prevent an excessive rise in prices.

Runciman, Runciman, president of the board of trade, said no practical proposal had been forthcoming for preventing evils which were largely due to the increased cost of foodstuffs, not only of the army, but of munition and other workers, and the decreasing supplies of food. He said there was no evidence of serious manipulation or exploitation of foodstuffs.

Mr. Runciman announced every effort was being made to increase available tonnage for imports of meat and wheat, and that the admiralty had agreed in many instances to get along with a smaller number of vessels. He said there would be no extension of the principle of rationing, and that the government had no intention of putting the country in the position of a blockaded city.

Ex-Premier Who Asks Support of Allies



M. VENIZELIS,
Leader of Provisional Government
Demanding Recognition at
Saloniki.

GUNMAN SAYS BOSS FORCED HIM TO KILL

State's Accuser of Rofrano Asserts Death Threat Compelled Him to Murder.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—Michael Gaimari didn't have a chance for his life. The gentle art of dodging a man for days, meeting him as he left his home, waiting for him outside coffee houses, claiming to him like a shadow until he was shot in the back, was revealed by Gaetano Montomagnano, the State's chief accuser of Michael A. Rofrano, and the actual murderer of Gaimari.

Montomagnano didn't want to do it, he told the jury. Blackjacking or stabbing were all right according to his code, but he balked at shooting until, he said, Rofrano drove him to it with threats of death as his own portion if he refused any longer. Little more than an hour before he shot Gaimari, Montomagnano met Rofrano under Brooklyn Bridge to receive what he says were his final instructions.

When he still hesitated, one of the men with Rofrano slashed at him with a razor. And when he shot Gaimari one of Rofrano's club members was watching from across the street, holding his hat in the careless way used to conceal a revolver in public.

Three times Montomagnano said he met Rofrano, and each time Rofrano urged him to live up to his promise to kill "The Horse" as Gaimari was called. Once he confided to Montomagnano that when "The Horse" was out of the way "all the other American citizens will come to me, and then Foley has got to be my slave."

Story Arouses Interest.

There was no doubt about the compelling interest that Montomagnano and his story aroused in the jurors and others in the court room.

Self-confessed murderer, burglar, and general bad man at the age of twenty, he said he was involved in a picture of the way the murder was planned.

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Storm Is Raging Along Gulf Coast

Wind Now 72 Miles An Hour And Damage Reports Are Received.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct. 18.—Dispatches reaching railroad offices today say a Gulf storm is raging along the coast from Mobile, Ala., to Pensacola, Fla., and that the wind has reached a velocity of seventy-two miles an hour. Reports of great damage along the coast are received.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—A storm approaching the middle Gulf coast reached the Western Bureau last night, with hurricane warning today. The storm is moving more rapidly, with strong shifting gales, the warning declared.

AD SIGN ATTRACTS CROWD ON STREETS

Small Boy and Piece of Chalk Held Responsible.

The attention of crowds coming out of the Treasury building, passing on street cars, and returning from matinees was attracted yesterday by a huge sign on the Corcoran building, at Fifteenth and F streets, where the Women's Union has its headquarters.

There was something wrong with that sign which was not apparent at first glance, and compelled a second reading. This is what the sign said:

"A small boy and a piece of chalk added the final word, which drew crowds until the Wilson women found it out and made the necessary correction."

SINKING OF LUSITANIA JUSTIFIED, IS CHARGE; DENIAL BY TUMULTY

TUMULTY DENIES BERLIN'S TERMS WERE ACCEPTED

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Oct. 18.—Following a conference with President Wilson and a telephone conversation with Acting Secretary of State Polk, Secretary to the President Joseph Tumulty today characterized as "absolute fabrications" the published reports that the United States had accepted a settlement of the Lusitania case, based on the German contention that the attack was justified.

MUCH DAMAGE DONE BY "ZEPS" IS CLAIM

Berlin Says Last Attacks on England Resulted in Wide Destruction.

BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville), Oct. 18.—The semi-official news agency today issued the reports of "eye-witnesses" on the results of the last Zeppelin attacks on England.

"In the raid of September 23, over 100 buildings were heavily damaged or partly destroyed," the statement said, "with an estimated damage of more than \$10,000,000."

"A British cruiser with four stacks, at anchor on the Humber, was hit and sixty men killed. Two other warships were badly damaged."

"Regent street, London, the main artery of commerce in the metropolis, was mostly laid in ruins. In a southern London suburb, an ammunition factory was blown up. The Liverpool street station, and the bridge tracks were so devastated that it will be impossible to use them for a long time."

"Near the Thames seven benzol tanks were destroyed. The rice sheds of Denny Sons were destroyed. At Grimsby the barracks was hit and more than 600 soldiers killed. At Hull some quarters were completely destroyed, only the walls remaining."

"At Leeds heavy damage was done to the railway station and the docks. At Portsmouth the alcohol factory of Pink & Son and the sheds of Eilers & Fyfe were hit and twelve cars loaded with horses destroyed, one dock damaged and railroad cars exploded."

Austro-Germans on Offensive in East

Bucharest Reports Repulse of Attacks on Whole Carpathian Front.

BUCHAREST, Oct. 18.—Austro-German troops have launched an attack on the whole Carpathian front, it was officially announced today. Thus far the attacks have been unsuccessful and all the news from the front is reported reassuring.

In the region of the Predeal Pass, south of Kronstadt, the Roumanians repulsed the offensive and drove the enemy back upon the Transylvanian slope, where stubborn fighting is progressing.

PARIS, Oct. 18.—German troops launched a violent attack against French positions south of the Somme at 5 o'clock this morning after a heavy bombardment.

German detachments reached the French first-line trenches, but were either killed or captured, the war office announced. Another German attack was checked by screen fire.

The German assaults south of the Somme followed three heavy unsuccessful attacks north of the river late last night. The Germans attempted to oust the French from those parts of Salency-Bailly captured in this week's fighting, but were repulsed with heavy losses, the French maintaining their positions.

South of the Aisne and southeast of Rheims, French detachments cleaned up enemy trenches.

RUSSIANS BATTLING ON SNOW-CLAD PEAKS

Austro-German Forces Repulsed, Petrograd Announces.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 18.—Russian and Austro-German troops are now battling in heavy snows in the Carpathians and southward near the Roumanian frontier, where the Germans attempted to drive the Russian and Roumanian armies.

The war office today announced the repulse of all Teutonic attacks south of Kermess and also near Dorna Vatra.

North of Kormintza, in fierce and obstinate fighting, all enemy counter-attacks were repulsed. Near Bolhovce the Teutons also counter-attacked savagely, but were halted by Russian fire.

GERMANY'S PLEDGES KEPT A SECRET FOR MONTHS

Disavoval By Berlin Was Accepted by State Department, Is Report.

INDEMNITY TO BE PAID

Kaiser Expressed "Deep Regret" and Arranged for a "Suitable" Settlement.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—A special dispatch today to the New York Sun from its Washington correspondent says:

"A paraphrase of the note which Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, addressed to Secretary Lansing on February 16 last outlining the terms of settlement of the Lusitania case has been obtained from a source close to the State Department."

"These terms have been accepted by the United States. But for some reason not disclosed the note has been withheld from the public despite the efforts of the German ambassador to have its publication authorized here and in Germany in order that the imperial foreign office may confirm the instructions it sent to the ambassador and declares the matter officially closed."

200-WORD NOTE.

"The note, which has been the subject of diplomatic speculation for months, is approximately 200 words long, and is informal in character. It is addressed to 'My Dear Mr. Secretary' and signed simply J. Bernstorff."

"The ambassador states that his government, desirous of reaching a satisfactory settlement with regard to the Lusitania, has given him instructions as to Germany's position, which is based on the conferences which Secretary Lansing and Count von Bernstorff had on the matter."

"The note proceeds to cover the three points about which the negotiations revolved—regret, reparation, indemnity. But the agreement on these lines is not what it was understood to be at the time."

"The United States recognizes that the attack of the German submarine commander on the passenger ship Lusitania was justifiable, but makes the point that the loss of American lives was not justified." He stated that he would be drawn into no discussion whether the loss of life was a result of the submarine's action or of the ship's own negligence.

From the discussion of the Lusitania case following published articles, however, it was clearly indicated that the State Department does not consider this a propitious time in which to close Lusitania negotiations.

In the light of today's developments new significance was seen in the authorized statement by Secretary Lansing that the destruction of the ship was a tragedy, and that the Lusitania settlement was held up until the United States assured itself that German pledges were worth more than the paper they were written upon.

Wouldn't Disavow Sinking.

There was no secret when the Lusitania proposals were made that Germany refused to disavow in specific terms the sinking of the Lusitania, but it was then announced Germany would admit the destruction of the American ship was not justified. The killing of American was then, as now, the chief bone of contention.

It is accepted that the assurances given by Germany in settlement of the Sussex case were satisfactory to the United States, and that final agreement on the submarine issue was deferred only until the United States assured itself that Germany would keep her pledges. It also is accepted that the United States now is assured Germany is conducting legal submarine operations.

But officials today made it plain that, though satisfied the submarine issue as it relates to past offenses, is closed, it will not be officially closed until the present campaign ends.

On Trial for Giving Aid to Miss Cavell

Wealthy Englishman and Thirteen Others Face Court in Brussels.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Rotterdam says:

"More than a year after the martyrdom of Edith Cavell, Dr. Bull, a wealthy English dentist, is being tried by the Germans in Brussels on the charge of supplying Miss Cavell with funds for her escape."

Dr. Bull has acted as King Albert's dentist. The trial is scheduled to begin today. Thirteen other persons are to be tried with Dr. Bull on various charges.

Other advice says that United States Minister Brand Whitlock is helping Dr. Bull all he may.

Note on Lansing's Desk.

"The terms of the Lusitania settlement may formally be announced any day by Secretary Lansing. The German ambassador's note is on his desk and practically all he has to do is to make it public to close the case. Mr. Lansing has stated that he has agreed to the terms as contained in the note."

"After the attack on the Sussex last April he said he would not make the note public until he was assured that Germany's pledge would be kept. President Wilson has now said six months later, stated that he has no right to question Germany's pledge, and Secretary Lansing says that during the last six months there has been no violation of it. Count von Bernstorff therefore is understood to be publishing his note of February 16 should be published."

"There has been good reason to believe that the President would authorize its publication just prior to election in order that it might appear as another diplomatic victory, but the wording of the note and fact that it was published on the day of the election has been a disappointment to American supporters of the settlement."